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# BUREAU OF HOME ECONOMICS

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Outline of work of each division*

The Bureau of Home Economics was established July 1, 1923, to conduct research and disseminate information on problems connected with the home. With an appropriation of \$187,958 for the current fiscal year (1935), its work is organized under three divisions. The following examples illustrate the work of each division:

### Foods and Nutrition

Food values -- chemical composition and vitamin content

Effects of diet on growth and health

Methods of food preparation so as to conserve food values

Quality and palatability of foods in relation to production factors

Home canning and other methods of preserving foods

Refrigeration studies and care of food in the home

### Economics

Standards and cost of living of American families

Trends in consumption of food and other products

Nutritive adequacy and economy of family and institutional diets

Adequate diets at different cost levels

Family budgets and management of family finances

Consumer purchasing problems

Methods of increasing housekeeping efficiency

### Textiles and Clothing

Wearing qualities of fabrics in relation to grade and kind of fiber

Quality guides for buying household textiles and clothing

New fabrics and new home uses for American textiles

Clothing in relief programs

Designs for children's clothing based on principles of hygiene and child training

Home laundering methods and care of textiles

The results of this research go to the public in technical reports and scientific articles, popular bulletins, press releases, radio talks, charts, film strips, and exhibits.

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